

## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a method for typing a sample of a prion or spongiform encephalopathy disease, a kit suitable for use in such a typing method, a method for identifying infection in an animal and/or tissue of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), a method for assessing and/or predicting the susceptibility of an animal to BSE, a kit for use in such an assessment and/or prediction method, a method for the treatment of a prion disease, and compounds suitable for such a method.